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SUBJ: CSCE: COORDINATION OF POLICY

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1. WHILE WE AGREE WITH THE GENERAL THRUST OF PARIS 13555, WE HAVE TO OBJECT TO THE REFERENCES TO OUR SO-CALLED "SPECIAL ROLE" IN "HELPING TO OBTAIN A TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS ON THE INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS." USDEL PLAYED NO SUCH "SPECIAL ROLE," AND WE BELIEVE IT IS CONTRARY TO US INTERESTS TO LEND CREDENCE TO THE IDEA THAT WE DID SO. IN FACT, WE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE FRG DELEGATION HERE ON REPEATED OCCASIONS THAT WE CONSIDERED THIS SUBJECT THEIR PRIMARY INTEREST, AND WOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, PRESSURE THEM TO ACCEPT INVIOABILITY LANGUAGE THEY DISLIKED.

2. OUR ROLE IN NEGOTIATION OF INVIOABILITY PRINCIPLE FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN STATE 041291 NOTAL: ESSENTIALLY PASSIVE, BUT ENCOURAGING INTERESTED

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ALLIES TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE ALONG LINES ORIGINALLY

SUGGESTED TO SOVIETS BY FRENCH, THAT IS, TRANSFER OF
SENTENCE ON PEACEFUL CHANGE TO ANOTHER PRINCIPLE.
FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE PRINCIPLE OF INVIOABILITY
OF FRONTIERS AS IT NOW STANDS IS UNOBJECTIONABLE FROM
US AND GENERAL WESTERN POINT OF VIEW (SEE GENEVA 2204)
AND IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER LANGUAGE TREATING SAME
SUBJECT IN FRG-SOVIET AND FRG-POLISH TREATIES. WE
BELIEVE US AND WESTERN INTERESTS ARE BEST SERVED BY
STRESSING THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE COMPROMISE
REACHED ON THIS ISSUE, AND NOT BY TREATING IT AS A
WESTERN DEFEAT. ABRAMS

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